

Grain Marketing Expansion Programme (GMEP) April 2011 Report

Grantee: ZAMBIA AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES EXCHANGE LIMITED (ZAMACE)

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Activities	Activity Status
Legal Consultants - ZAMACE Warehouse operator Rules and Requirement Review.	<p>Harmonisation of ZAMACE WR and Requirements with New Agric Credits 2010. Consultations still being undertaken with various legal practitioners on the newly enacted Agricultural Credits Act. The statutory instrument to operationalize the Act was recently enacted. The Exchange has also written to the Minister of Agriculture to inform him of the work ZAMACE is doing in developing the WRS.</p> <p>Will be done once funded.</p> <p>Note: legal practitioners are not allowed to advertise, solicit for business nor to respond to tenders.</p>
2011 Certification of Districts warehouses	<p>Application forms were sent out to ZAMACE District operators.</p> <p>Awaiting submission of application from Warehouse operators for 2011 Certification.</p>
Procurement, Distribution of sieves for Non -Maize staples i.e. soya beans.	<p>Fabrication and distribution of cleaning sieves to community aggregation point did take place during April.</p> <p>Will be done once funded</p>
Two pier Training programmes on How to trade on ZAMACE were conducted	<p>1st level trainings of Community/Cooperative leaders and MACOs Camp Extension officers on How to Trade on ZAMACE were conducted</p> <p>2nd level in community training were also conducted in 3 regions Areas visited are: <u>Monze</u></p> <p>Kaumuzya camp Malende camp Sikasenke camp Mbiya camp Bweengwa camp</p>

	Kayuni camp Nkaba camp <u>Mkushi</u> Chibefwe Mishingo camps <u>Kabwe</u> Chikokomene- Lifwabula camp <p style="text-align: right;">See Annex 1</p>
Monitoring of Districts commodity prices	Weekly updates of different commodity prices at district level are been conducted by regional coordinator and in turn passed on to Community sheds in TAs

Scheduled April Activities

Most scheduled April activities were differed to May and will be done once funded. However, stakeholder meetings in collaboration with seed dealers and agro-chemical dealers, community awareness and sensitisation through Trainings and crop field day visits were conducted during the month.

A positive small-holder farmers' response to this year crop diversification has been received.

See Annex 2



Above:

GMEP Training Coordinator conducting community awareness and sensitization in Lifwambula community of Chikokomene area of Kabwe district in Central province of Zambia

Below: Lifwambula communities displaying ZAMACE brochures in a group photo.



Below: Kaumuzuza camp community awareness meeting conducted by the Regional coordinator in the Monze district.





Above: Small-scale Farmers harvest soya beans in Chikokomene area.

Below: Heaps of harvested soya-beans awaiting threshing in Chikokomene

